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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Thursday, November 9, 2017 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Theis, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Theis, VanderWall, Barrett, Glenn, Runestad, Vaupel, Webber, Bellino, Hoitenga, LaFave, Wentworth, Greimel, Phelps, Gay-Dagnogo, Wittenberg, Hammoud, Lasinski.

Representative VanderWall made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 2017. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5217	(Bellino)	Health; emergency services; requiring the use of ground ambulance to transport a patient unless medically necessary for the patient; provide for.
HB 5218	(Barrett)	Health facilities; hospitals; disclosure of certain insurance information to nonemergency patients; require before ordering an aircraft transport vehicle or ambulance that is a rotary aircraft.

HB 5219 (LaFave) Health facilities; emergency medical services; notice to nonemergency patient of cost of air ambulance services and whether it is a participating provider with patient's insurance; require aircraft transport operation and ambulance operation to provide.

Representatives Barrett, Bellino and LaFave reviewed the provisions of the bills with the Committee.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding the bills:

Gabe Basso, representing Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM), in support

Bret Jackson, representing the Economic Alliance for Michigan, in support

Christopher Hardman, representing PHI Air Medical/LifeFlight of Michigan, in opposition Karin Gyger, representing DIFS, neutral

Dr. Steven Rockoff, representing Superior AirMed/Henry Ford Health System, neutral John Bullen and Kim Ross, representing Survival Flight-Michigan and Michigan Medicine, neutral

Tom Sherony of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in support (with changes) Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber, in support

Cards for the bills were submitted by:

Stephanie Glidden, representing the Michigan AFL-CIO, in support

Delaney McKinley, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, in support

Dillon McGough, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, in opposition

Belinda Chandler, representing the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians, neutral (with changes)

Gabby Bruno, representing Ford Motor Company, in support Brian O'Connell, representing General Motors, in support

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Theis declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:22 a.m.

Representative Lana Theis, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538